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TOWN AND COUNTRY

About Local People and Events and Other Matters of Interest

Don't forget the minstrel Friday, April 27.

A fresh Jersey cow for sale by Geo. W. Estes.

O. A. Potter took a car of fat lambs to market Tuesday night.

Pair of three year old mules, broke to work, for sale by H. H. Hawes.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Kranz were in town in a new Ford touring car Wednesday.

Don't forget the minstrels, Friday night, April 27, at Laclede opera house.

The Laclede Co-operative Shipping Association will have out a car of hogs next Tuesday.

Carothers & Allen are making a strong offer for you to bring them your eggs. Read their proposition on the last page of this paper.

T. L. Humphres was on the Kansas City market the first of last week with cattle and hogs from the Forker neighborhood.

The Coleman house, now owned by Judge Libby and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Hall, was wired and placed on the electric light service this week.

The home talent minstrels at the opera house Friday night of this week will be the hit of the season. The proceeds are for a worthy cause and there should be full house.

F. M. Alexander is in the market and paying the highest market price for old iron, rubber, rags and paper. The present price on country mixed iron, free from boiler plate, is 30 cents per hundred.

On Thursday of last week Miss Ruth Kneeland closed another successful term of school at the Pleasant Grove school house. The yearly attendance was 97.9 per cent. A library case and twenty-five new library books were added during the year.

Frederick Ney, a retired farmer of Louisiana who is now making his home in Laclede, this week bought a new Ford touring car and gave it to his son-in-law, the Rev. H. J. Dueker of the Methodist church. The country parishioners may now expect more pastoral calls.

Dr. J. C. Caldwell, secretary of the Linn County Medical Society, has notified the members that the May meeting of the society will be held next Tuesday evening in the office of Dr. Haley at Brookfield. Three papers will be read and discussed. The society now has thirty-six members.

Rev. R. B. Havener, district evangelist, will begin a series of revival meetings at the Laclede Christian church next Tuesday night, to continue for two weeks at least. Services will begin each evening at 8 o'clock. There will be good music and gospel sermons and all are invited to attend these services.

The W. F. M. S. will have a "mothers" meeting at the home of Mrs. Mary Garside next Wednesday, May 2, at 2:30. The W. C. T. U. have been invited to meet with them. The president, Mrs. Bigger, will give a report of the district convention. Every mother is invited and all who can come are expected.

Oil Stove Starts Fire

The residence of F. R. Power had a narrow escape from being destroyed by fire Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Power left the coal oil range burning while she went into the garden to do a little work. She soon discovered smoke issuing from window and door and on reaching the house found flames from the stove shooting to the top of the room, the window curtain, wallpaper and other things on fire. She dashed a bucket of water on the flames and called for help which promptly arrived and the fire was soon under control, but the walls and contents of the room were badly damaged. To complete her baking she lighted the stove again but the heat from the first fire had no doubt made it defective and within an hour the flames were again shooting to the ceiling and another alarm was turned in. The bucket brigade made another respond but it required only two or three buckets of water to subdue the refractory stove, the second fire doing little damage.

Free Land For Gardens

The Burlington company has thrown the right of way and all its vacant ground open to cultivation by employees and others who make application for allotments and agree to use it for garden purposes. Station Agent Moore is now ready to receive applications and allot space. The use of the land is free. Section Foreman Albin has fenced a three acre lot on the east side of the track in the southeast part of town and Louis Shaw has a block lying just across the street north of it. These will be planted in garden truck. Employees of the company are given preference but there is much good ground in and near Laclede yet to be allotted.

The Burlington is active in promoting the movement to increase the food production at this time and advises its employees to use all their spare time and the company's idle land to produce vegetables that can be kept for winter use, such as potatoes, beans, onions, carrots, and parsnips. The season is now so far advanced that those needing land should make application to the station agent or section foreman at once.

Death of Former Laclede Woman

Officers of the Laclede lodge, Knights and Ladies of Security, have received notice of the death of Mrs. Margaret J. Hatfield, which occurred at her home in Argentine, Kansas, Wednesday, from acute bronchitis. The remains were brought to Brookfield Thursday night and the funeral will be held at that place Friday. Deceased was the wife of Wm. R. Hatfield, the family removed from Laclede to Argentine about six years ago. The husband, one daughter and one son survive.

Big Crowd at Forker

There was a large crowd at Forker on last Friday afternoon, the occasion of the flagpole raising at the consolidated high school building. Superintendent White was master of ceremonies and the program given by the grade pupils was under direction of Miss Eva Andrews of the Frakes school. The program was given in the church; the flag raising ceremonies on the school campus. The whole was creditable throughout and showed not only a patriotic but a fine school spirit.

STRANGER DIED HERE

John W. Wollam, of Elkhart, Ind., Dropped Dead at Station

John W. Wollam, traveling salesman for a Goshen, Ind., firm, selling porch and lawn swings, died suddenly on the depot platform here last Monday afternoon about 5 o'clock. He spent the afternoon here calling on the merchants and had boarded a freight train to go to Brookfield. Before the train started he told another traveling man he was sick and believed he would get off the train. He was assisted off but before reaching the platform informed those assisting him that his time was short, "I'm done for," he said, and was dead before a doctor could reach him. Coroner McLearn came over from Brookfield and held an inquest, the jury's verdict being Wollam died from apoplexy.

The remains were taken to Bourn's undertaking establishment and cared for until Tuesday evening when they were shipped to his home at Elkhart, Ind.

While making business calls here Wollam was apparently in good health, in fact he remarked to one man that the bright spring day made him feel fine. Within probably an hour he was back in the same building a corpse. He was about 55 year of age.

Annual Banquet

The annual junior-senior banquet of the Laclede high school was held last Saturday evening at the home of Miss Beatrice Harter. The rooms were tastefully decorated with flowers and the colors of both classes. A most pleasing program was rendered by members of the junior class, assisted by Misses Kathryn Harter and Flo Hunter.

Misses Flo Hunter, Kathryn Harter and Dorothy Harris and Arthur Glover won prizes in the contests that followed the program.

A delicious five course luncheon was served with the following menu:

Fruit Cocktail	Pickles
Pressed Chicken	Sandwiches
Potato Chips	Cake
Brick Ice Cream	Wafers
Chocolate	Mints

Sweetpeas and carnations were used as table decorations and pink and white carnations were given as favors.

Superintendent Crookshank was toastmaster. Miss Ruth Foreman toasted the "Senior Class;" and Stanley Whitaker gave the response, while Miss Trippier toasted "Our High School."

L. T. L. Meeting

A very interesting meeting of the Loyal Temperance Legion was held at the high school building Tuesday afternoon. Thirty-six members responded to roll call. This is a very enthusiastic band of temperance workers, being a department of the W. C. T. U. work. Laclede has the banner L. T. L. of the state and it is hoped the children will receive sufficient encouragement from the older people to keep them in the lead. The officers are: Eulalia Strickel, president; Luella Jones, vice president; Frieda Savage, secretary; Willie Landree, treasurer; Louisa Carothers, pianist; Nina Weaver, librarian.

Four Metz Cars This Week

Automobile selling has taken on new life here, P. F. Weaver, local dealer for the Metz, selling four touring cars this week. The buyers are J. S. Williams and Shelby Cross of Laclede, Dr. J. Gooch of Shafter and J. L. Duncan, a farmer near Meadville. The cars have been ordered and are expected here within a few days. As will be noticed by Mr. Weaver's advertisement in THE BLADE today the Metz "25" is selling at \$650 and is the niftiest and most serviceable car on the market selling at anything near that price. The dealer has several more prospective buyers and expects to have orders for another car load soon.

Farm Bureau Meeting

Conserving and increasing the nation's food supply is one of the greatest problems of the United States today. One proof that the nation's leaders appreciate this fact is their action excusing from high school and college boys and young men who are to work on farms. How Linn county may do its part in raising larger crops is one of the things to be considered at the County Farm Bureau meeting to be held in Linneus next Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. No one thing can more enable the farmers of Linn county to do their part than their being organized to produce larger crops more efficiently. The fulfillment of this purpose was never more urgently demanded. The members of the Bureau can well afford to take the afternoon to attend next Saturday's meeting.

Plowing With Tractor

As a result of his trip to Kansas City last week with F. R. Power, H. H. Hawes has a Case tractor with two 14-inch plows and is now turning over the ground on his farm southeast of town at the rate of 7 and 8 acres per day. The new machine arrived Tuesday morning and was taken to the farm and put to work that afternoon. It is 9-18-horse power and is adapted to all kinds of work, on the road or furnishing machinery power as well as in the fields. The tractor is an advance in the method of farming and has no doubt come to stay and will soon be as thick in the country as automobiles.

W. C. T. U. Meeting

The Women's Christian Temperance Union met at the home of Mrs. Idah Moore Tuesday afternoon. Eleven members responded to roll call with current events. Superintendent of flower mission reported flowers sent to Rev. Turrentine, Wm. Lomax, Mrs. Hewitt, Mrs. Ney and Mrs. Knight for Easter. The parliamentarian being present drilled the members in parliamentary usage. The lesson, "Winning Young for Service," led by Mrs. Carothers, assisted by Mrs. Shell, Mrs. Plowman and Mrs. Johnston, was very interesting.

President of the Methodist Missionary Society invited the union to meet with the society at their next regular meeting.

Guests present were Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. Caywood, Mrs. Ida Benson, Mrs. Bigger, Mrs. L. F. Moore, Mrs. Lomax and Mrs. Stoddard.

Farmers, Attention

We have a full stock of cowpeas, soybeans, cane and millet seed. O. A. TALBOTT & Co.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Brief Mention of Those Who Come and Go During the Week

Roscoe Welsh has returned from spending a couple of months in Kansas City.

Mrs. Ralph Neal of Linneus spent last Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Dye of Clarence spent Tuesday and Wednesday here visiting relatives.

Mrs. Harris of Chicago spent a couple of days last week visiting her brother-in-law, J. L. Sayre.

Mrs. O. F. Libby went to Kansas City Sunday to visit her sons, Oscar and Louis and their families.

Mrs. Etta Dale and children of Hamilton visited over Sunday here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Dye.

Mrs. S. M. Brown and son Jerome are visiting Dr. T. D. Fawcette and family in Kansas City.

John Carmichael came up from St. Louis last Friday for a few days visit with his mother, Mrs. D. Carmichael.

Harry Porter and family of Milan are spending a couple of weeks with J. L. Sayre at his home west of town.

Under the direction of a doctor at Fayette, Iowa, Miss Elfrieda V. Dueker of Laclede is receiving instructions as a Red Cross nurse.

Mrs. Minnie Vorce and Mrs. Forence Lisher of Brookfield spent last Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Ormsby in Chillicothe.

Cashier and Mrs. M. P. Benson, Mrs. C. C. Bigger, Mrs. Etta Foreman and Prof. Crookshank attended the flag raising at Forker last Friday afternoon.

John Carmichael of St. Louis and Ira Carmichael of East St. Louis, Ill., are spending the week here with their mother, Mrs. D. Carmichael, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Handsman, son and daughter, Herman and Helen, of Bucklin spent last Sunday in Laclede, guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lomax and Mr. and Mrs. J. Clair Lomax.

Miss Lula Walker, teacher in the public schools at Hale, Miss Mina Walker and Miss Annis Elliott, teachers in the Forker consolidated high school spent Saturday and Sunday at the Walker home northeast of Laclede.

Dr. A. V. Griffith of Chicago will be with us again next Monday. He is well known in Linn and surrounding counties in which territory he did a great deal of satisfactory work several years ago. Look for his advertisement in this paper.

The P. E. O.'s met in regular session with Mrs. A. J. Caywood Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Byrd gave a review of the constitution and Miss Ong drilled in parliamentary. Missouri laws relating to women was responded to at roll call. Refreshments were served.

Mrs. Dora Watson came over from Brookfield Friday and remained until Monday at the home of her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Edwards, and while here renewed for THE BLADE. Mrs. Edwards has just returned from spending the winter with her sons in Illinois, Ira at Aurora, and Fred at Kewanee.